

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on July 26, 2011 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
John Maycock, Vice Chairperson
Michael Rell
Christine Greenblatt

Members Absent: Bette Botticello
Mark Raymond, Alternate
Lisa Wurzer, Alternate
Susan Gillanders, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on July 14, 2011.

APPLICATION NO. 3959-11. Margaret Holt seeking to install replacement windows at 260 Garden Street.

Applicant not present.

APPLICATION NO. 3960-11. Greg Conashevick seeking to replace the wood cedar shake siding with vinyl clapboard siding in a 4" reveal, install replacement windows, install vinyl shutters, replace awning, and install replacement garage door and garage entry door at 449 Middletown Avenue.

Greg Conashevick, 14 Yale Street, appeared before the Commission. He would like to remove the existing wood shake siding and replace it with Certainteed double lap 4" vinyl siding in Sterling Gray color. The corner posts will be 3.5" x 3.5". They are mitered cedar now. He will remove the existing shutters and replace with vinyl louvered cathedral style shutters in the color Midnight Blue. He will replace the awning over the front door. It is a standard aluminum awning similar to existing but with no scalloped design. It will be white in color. He would like to replace the existing picture window and the two sashes. He would like to use Harvey Slim Line windows. The existing windows are 2/2. He would like to change the pattern to 1/1. He intends to replace the other existing windows over time. All trim will be wrapped in white aluminum. The garage roofing will match the house. It is a one car garage. He would like to replace the garage door with a standard raised 16 panel galvanized steel door. It will be white in color. The garage trim will match the house. The side entry door for the garage will be a solid smooth fiberglass four panel door. The gutters and downspouts will be standard white. The applicant prefers no windows on the garage door.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to leave Application #3959-11 open and close the public hearing on all other applications and open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt

APPLICATION NO. 3960-11. Greg Conashevick seeking to replace the wood cedar shake siding with vinyl clapboard siding in a 4" reveal, install replacement windows, install vinyl shutters, replace awning, and install replacement garage door and garage entry door at 449 Middletown Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The windows shall be Harvey Slim Line in a 1/1 light pattern.
2. The garage door shall be a Garaga raised 16 panel door.
3. The garage entry door shall be a Harvey Smooth Star 4 panel door.

Discussion

Commissioner Maycock stated that this has been approved many times on this style house. It's wood to vinyl, but in this specific case, the change of shake to clapboard style is ok. It's a good change for that house.

Commissioner Garrey stated that on this style and mass of house, it is a perfectly appropriate change. He would be concerned about the light pattern if they didn't intend to change all of the windows on the house.

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that it will be a major improvement.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2011

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting with corrections.

Discussion

Commissioner Greenblatt stated that she would like to add a comment to Application #3953-11 (page 4) regarding fences. Commissioner Greenblatt asked if there was any concern about having a 4' fence on one side and 6' fence on the other and Commissioner Garrey responded that there was no concern and they would do a transition if necessary.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt

OTHER BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation regarding windows at 7:50 p.m.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to exit Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, McLeod, Gillanders

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

Kristin will be on vacation next week.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Cynthia Greenblatt and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Rell, Maycock, Greenblatt

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk